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SUBJ: APOLLO 17 LUNAR SAMPLE PRESENTATION

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1. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST APPROVAL OF FOLLOWING THREE PRESENTATION PLANS, ALL OF WHICH WOULD INVOLVE PRESENTATION BY ME TO MINISTER YOUTH, SPORTS, CULTURE AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH MATHIEU KOFFI WITH FULL PRESS AND RADIO COVERAGE AND WITH PARTICIPATION TOGOLESE IYST STUDENT BRIGITTE AMEGANVI AS HONORARY CUSTODIAN:

(A) IF SAMPLE SHOULD ARRIVE BY COUR POUCH MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, 27 JUNE, I WOULD PRESENT IT TO MINISTER DURING INTERMISSION AT PERFORMANCE OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY JAZZ ENSEMBLE IN 3,000 SEAT RPT THEATER IN PRESENCE HIGH- RANKING TOGOLESE OFFICIALS AND LARGE YOUTHFUL AUDIENCE;

(B) IF SAMPLE ARRIVES TOO LATE FOR (A) BUT BY MORNING WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, I WOULD PRESENT IT TO MINISTER AS HIGHLIGHT OF SMALL FOURS OF JULY RECEPTION AT MY RESIDENCE ATTENDED BY SENIOR TOGOLESE AND FOREIGN DIPLOMATS;

(C) IF SAMPLE ARRIVES AFTER JULY FOURTH, MINISTER PROPOSES CEREMONY IN HIS MINISTRY IN PRESENCE HIGH- RANKING TOGOLESE
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2. MINISTER PROPOSES THAT SAMPLE BE KEPT IN RPT BUILDING. THIS STRUCTURE, WHICH IS BY FAR MOST IMPRESSIVE IN LOME, IS HEADQUARTERS OF UNIQUE POLITICAL PARTY AND IS CENTER OF MANY THEATRICAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS INVOLVING LARGE NUMBER OF TOGOLESE. SECURITY WOULD BE AT LEAST AS GOOD THERE AS ANYWHERE ELSE IN TOWN EXCEPT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE OR MILITARY CAMP, IN NEITHER OF WHICH WOULD SAMPLE BE VIEWED BY MANY PERSONS. RPT BUILDING IS UNDER AROUND- THE- CLOCK MILITARY GUARD. MATHIEU KOFFI ENVISAGES EVENTUALLY PLACING SAMPLE IN NATIONAL MUSEUM WHEN THAT IS ESTABLISHED. NO REAL PLANS EXIST FOR IT AT THIS TIME.

3. IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE THAT SAMPLE WILL ARRIVE WEDNESDAY MORNING, REQUEST APPROVAL PLAN (A) BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM. DICKINSON

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